

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

generating a user profile corresponding to a user;

identifying one or more entities related to the user, said one or more entities having corresponding entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

associating at least a portion of the context information from the one or more related entity profiles to the user profile by importing at least the portion of the context information into the user profile, wherein the imported portion comprises data selected from the plurality of types of categorized data; and

personalizing a work environment associated with user based on the context information associated with the user profile.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said generating the user profile comprises explicitly associating context information relating to the user with the user profile.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least a portion of said context information is organized into context clusters.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said associating at least a portion of the context information from the one or more entity profiles to the user profile comprises transporting one or more context clusters into the user profile.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said personalizing comprises including links in the work environment.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the links are to services.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the links are to information places.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the work environment comprises a portal environment.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
updating the context information in the user profile periodically.

10. (Original) The method claim 9, wherein said updating comprises removing at least a portion of the context information based on relevance to the user.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:  
determining relevance of said at least a portion of the context information based on user activity.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying one or more entities related to the user comprises identifying one or more entities having a collaborative relationship with the user.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying one or more entities related to the user comprises identifying one or more entities having a business relationship with the user.

14. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
generating a child entity profile corresponding to a child entity;  
identifying a parent entity profile from which the child entity profile depends, the parent entity profile including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;  
importing at least a portion of the context information from the parent entity profile into the child entity profile, said imported context information comprising inherited context information selected from the plurality of types of categorized data; and  
updating the inherited context information in the child entity profile in response to a change in the corresponding at least a portion of the context information in the parent entity profile.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising personalizing a work environment associated with user based on the context information associated with the user profile.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said personalizing comprises including links in the work environment.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the links are to services.

18. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the links are to information places.

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the work environment comprises a portal environment.

20. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said generating the child entity profile comprises explicitly associating context information relating to the child entity with the child entity profile.

21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said inherited context information comprises context clusters.

22. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

updating the context information in the user profile periodically.

23. (Original) The method claim 22, wherein said updating comprises removing at least a portion of the context information based on relevance to the user.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
determining relevance of said at least a portion of the context information based on user activity.

25. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium including machine-readable instructions which, when executed on a processor, cause the processor to:

generate a user profile corresponding to a user;

identify one or more entities related to the user, said one or more entities having corresponding entity profiles including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

associate at least a portion of the context information from the one or more related entity profiles to the user profile by importing at least the portion of the context information into the user profile, wherein the imported portion comprises data selected from the plurality of types of categorized data; and

personalize a work environment associated with user based on the context information associated with the user profile.

26. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable storage medium including machine-readable instructions which, when executed on a processor, cause the processor to:

generate a child entity profile corresponding to a child entity;

identify a parent entity profile from which the child entity profile depends, the parent entity profile including context information comprising a plurality of types of categorized data;

import at least a portion of the context information from the parent entity profile into the child entity profile, said imported context information comprising inherited context information selected from the plurality of types of categorized data; and

update the inherited context information in the child entity profile in response to a change in the corresponding at least a portion of the context information in the parent entity profile.

27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the data is categorized based on one of qualifications of the user, skills of the user, personal preferences of the user, authorization level of the user, group memberships of the user, informational needs of the user, projects of the user, tasks of the user, taxonomies of the one or more entities, content accessed by the user, and context of the user's participation in the one or more entities.

28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is related to the one or more entities based on one of activities of the user, worksets of the user, and collaboration of the user with the one or more entities.

29. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the data is categorized based on one of qualifications of the child entity, skills of the child entity, personal preferences of the child entity, authorization level of the child entity, group memberships of the child entity, informational needs of the child entity, projects of the child entity, tasks of the child entity, taxonomies used in parent entity profile, and content accessed by the child entity.

30. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the child entity profile depends on the parent entity profile based on one of activities of the child entity, worksets of the child entity, and collaboration of the child entity with the parent entity profile.

31. (New) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25, wherein the data is categorized based on one of qualifications of the user, skills of the user, personal preferences of the user, authorization level of the user, group memberships of the user, informational needs of the user, projects of the user, tasks of the user, taxonomies of the one or more entities, content accessed by the user, and context of the user's participation in the one or more entities.

32. (New) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 25, wherein the user is related to the one or more entities based on one of activities of the user, worksets of the user, and collaboration of the user with the one or more entities.

33. (New) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the data is categorized based on one of qualifications of the child entity, skills of the child entity, personal preferences of the child entity, authorization level of the child entity, group memberships of the child entity, informational needs of the child entity, projects of the child entity, tasks of the child entity, taxonomies used in parent entity profile, and content accessed by the child entity.

34. (New) The machine-readable storage medium of claim 26, wherein the child entity profile depends on the parent entity profile based on one of activities of the child entity, worksets of the child entity, and collaboration of the child entity with the parent entity profile.